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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Daniel Manelli, House Interstate
and Foreign Commerce Committee Staff, re
CBS Network News Program

1. Met with Mr. Daniel Manelli, Staff Attorney, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, concerning the Committee's investigation in connection with the production of a CBS network news program. I advised Mr. Manelli that word had come to us that Chairman Staggers had questioned why CBS had not provided information in their possession (ostensibly related to plans for an invasion of Haiti) to the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Manelli indicated that the Chairman had been interested in the question, but he had not pressed it.

2. In discussing the matter further, I noted that there was no responsibility on the part of CBS to advise the Agency since the information related to matters outside Agency jurisdiction. I stated that the Agency knew in general about the matter and that as information had come to us it was turned over to Customs and the FBI. I advised Mr. Manelli that the Agency had no desire to appear before the Committee on this matter and that such appearance would be quite inappropriate, but if we could be of any assistance to the Chairman, or if he had any further question that could be handled informally, I would be pleased to talk to him.

3. Mr. Manelli expressed his appreciation for my coming by and advised "the information provided corroborated that already furnished by Representative John Moss (D., Calif.)," a member of the Committee who has also interested himself in this matter.

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4. Mr. Houston has been advised.

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